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SUBJECT: UNROD - APPOINTMENT FRANCIS LACOSTE

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1. UN HAS ISSUED PRESS RELEASE SG/ A /136 DATED MAR14  
ANNOUNCING APPOINTMENT FRANCIS LACOSTE AS SUCCESSOR TO  
VICTOR UMBRIGHT IN DACCA.

2. TEXT PRESS RELEASE AS FOLLOWS:

THE SECRETARY- GENERAL TODAY ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF  
FRANCIS LACOSTE AS HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND  
AND CHIEF OF MISSION IN CHARGE OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
SPECIAL RELIEF OFFICE IN BANGLADESH ( UNROB), WHICH WILL  
TAKE OVER CERTAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF  
OPERATION IN DACCA ( UNROD).

MR LACOSTE, WHO WAS BORN IN PARIS ON 27 NOVEMBER 1905,  
HOLDS DEGREES IN LITERATURE AND DIPLOMATIC HISTORY FROM  
THE SORBONNE AND ECOLE LIBRE DES SCIENCES  
POLITIQUES. HE HAS HAD A DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN THE  
FRENCH DIPLOMATIC SERVICE SINCE 1929. HE SERVED AS DEPUTY  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF FRANCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS FROM  
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1950 TO 1954 AND AS RESIDENT COMMISSIONER- GENERAL  
TO MOROCCO FROM 1954 TO 1955. FROM 1955 TO 1962 HE

WAS THE AMBASSADOR OF FRANCE TO CANADA, AND FROM 1962 TO  
1963 TO BELGIUM. HE WILL ASSUME HIS NEW DUTIES ON  
1 APRIL 1973.

IN ANNOUNCING THE APPOINTMENT OF MR LACOSTE, THE SECRETARY-  
GENERAL PAID WARM TRIBUTE TO THE OUTSTANDING WORK PERFORMED  
BY VICTOR UMBRIGHT, WHO HAS SERVED AS CHIEF OF MISSION OF THE  
UNITED NATIONS RELIEF OPERATION IN DACCA SINCE MAY 1972  
AND WHO IS NOW RETURNING TO SWITZERLAND.  
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